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CONSTITUTIONAL STATUS TO AGRICULTURE COSTS AND PRICES COMMISSION
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have received any suggestion to give constitutional status to the Agriculture Costs and Prices Commission (ACPC);

(b) if so, the reaction of the Government thereto; and

(c) by when a final decision is likely to be taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI HUKUMDEO NARAYAN YADAV)

(a): One of the Recommendations under the head `Minimum Support Prices andProcurement` made by the High Level Committee on Long-Term Grain Policy (July,2002) underthe chairmanship of Prof. Abhijit Sen set up by the Ministry of Consumer Affairs, Food and Public Distribution (Department of food and Public Distribution) relates to the status ofCommission for Agricultural Costs and Prices (CACP). According to the Committee, the CACP should be made an empowered statutory body.

(b) and (c): In order to examine methodological and related recommendations in the light of the main conclusions/recommendations of the National Seminar on Methodological Issues in theFixation of Minimum Support Prices held in New Delhi on November 6-7, 2002 an Expert Committee under the chairmanship of Prof. Y.K. Alagh has recently been set up. The Terms of Reference of the Expert Committee include examination of issues having a bearing on the status of CACP.